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Docket No. : V44.12-0149	

STATUS INQUIRY

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Sir:

More than 32 months have passed since the filing of this application on October 2, 2001. More than 3 months have passed since the filing of a Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment Based on Failure to Receive Office Action which was filed on March 9, 2004. A copy of the Petition and postcard is attached.

No further communication has been received from the Patent and Trademark Office. Kindly advise the undersigned of the present status of this application by checking the appropriate boxes below and providing the information requested. A stamped return-addressed envelope is provided.

STATUS INQUIRY REPLY

Application No. 09/970,074 is currently assigned to Group 2827

- ☐ Action by the Examiner is expected by _____
- ☐ An office action was mailed on _____

Appeal No. _

- ☐ Is awaiting filing of applicant's appeal brief
- ☐ Is awaiting the Examiner's answer
- ☐ Is awaiting action by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences

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☐ a decision was rendered

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**PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT BASED
ON FAILURE TO RECEIVE OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.181, and outlined in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP) 711.03(c), Applicant petitions for Withdrawing the Holding of Abandonment based on Non-Receipt of the Office Action. The Office Action was mailed by the Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) on March 18, 2003. The application was considered Abandoned by the PTO due to failure to respond to the Office Action and the Notice of Abandonment was mailed on August 27, 2003.

Applicant never received the Office Action. Applicant sent out two Status Inquiry requests, the first on January 27, 2003 and the second on July 10, 2003. A copy of these documents are attached as Appendix A. On July 16, 2003 Applicant received a telephone call from Examiner Chambliss, inquiring as to whether Applicant intended to respond to the Office Action that had been mailed March 18, 2003. Applicant informed the Examiner that the Office Action had never been received. Examiner checked his files and discovered that he had made a mistake in the serial number of the application when he prepared the Office Action. Apparently the serial number had been corrected by someone after the Examiner had signed the paper, but the mailing address remained unchanged. As a result, the Office Action was sent to a law firm in Virginia. A transcript of this

phone conversation is attached as Appendix B.

Even though it is undisputed that the Office Action was sent to the wrong address, Applicant has attached a copy of the docket records, Appendix C, where the non-received Office Action would have been entered had it been received and docketed. The Office Action was mailed on March 18, 2003 and attached are Applicant's docket records from March 18, 2003 to June 18, 2003.

According to the procedure outlined in MPEP 711.03(c), applicants respectfully request that the Notice of Abandonment be withdrawn and a copy of the original Office Action be sent to the correct address so Applicants may continue prosecuting the application. There should be no fee associated with this Petition; should there be a fee associated with this Petition, please charge it to Deposit Account # 11-0982.

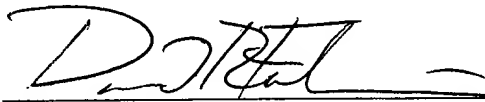
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